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**THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT,
AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to issuance of the first action on the merits, kindly enter the following amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 26, 50, 53, and 79 as shown in clean form:

C1
SUB 1
26. (Amended) An encapsulated product according to claim 25 wherein said plasticized matrix material comprises an at least partially gelatinized starch, which starch is not substantially dextrinized.

C2
50. (Amended) An encapsulated product according to claim 25 wherein said plasticized matrix material is at least one member selected from the group consisting of starches, cyclodextrins, dextrins, monosaccharides, disaccharides, polyvinylpyrrolidone,